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## GOVERNOR CAUSES ANOTHER ARREST.

Editor Benedict Rearrested Yesterday on Second Charge of Criminal Libel.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 19.—After returning from Guthrie, where he gave bond in the sum of \$500 following his arrest on a charge of criminal libel, on complaint of Governor Haskell, Omer K. Benedict, editor of the Times, the only republican paper in Oklahoma City was re-arrested yesterday on a similar charge made by the governor in connection with an editorial in last evening's edition of the Times, relating to Haskell's connection with the Oklahoma Central railroad receivership case. Benedict gave bond and was released.

The first editorial by implication charged that Governor Haskell met James O'Neil, of the Prairie Oil and Gas company in Independence and later met him at the Coates house in Kansas City.

Governor Haskell has issued a statement in which he says that Benedict lied and knew he was lying.

The warrants were issued by County Attorney James Hepburn, of Logan county, on affidavit of the governor.

Ever since the recent change of management in the old Times-Journal, when Editor Benedict became its head, the paper has been criticizing the acts of the governor.

Ten Times has maintained editorially that Governor Haskell is protecting the Standard interests in Oklahoma.

## BROWN CONVENES DISTRICT COURT

Ten Prisoners Allowed to Pass Upon Prospective Jurymen—Scott and Hurlan Murder Trial to Come Before This Court.

The August term of the district court convened here last Monday with Judge T. L. Brown, of Claremore presiding. The forenoon Monday was taken up with the selection of the grand and petit juries and with Judge Brown's strong charge to the grand jury. This charge to the grand jury was characteristic of Judge Brown's earnest, impressive manner, and in the charge the judge reminded the jurors of their duty to their country and implored them to use discretion in their deliberations that equal and exact justice might be meted out to all. The judge went to some length in explaining the duties of the jury.

Before the final empaneling of the jury ten prisoners from the jail were brought before the men subpoenaed, that they might offer whatever objections they chose. The following were the prisoners who were brought before the proposed jurymen: Mary James, charged with assault with intent to kill, Chas. Smith, burglary, Ellis Miller burglary, J. T. Scott murder, Ed. Davis burglary, Gus Roberts, burglary, Bud Williams, assault with intent to kill, Milton Flowers, burglary, Tom Merritt rape, the most important cases that will come before the court are the cases of J. T. Scott and Ed. Harlan, charged with murder. Both of these cases are familiar to everyone. Scott has yet to be indicted by the grand jury. He was arrested charged with one of the most horrible murders in the annals of the Vinita courts.

The following are the jurymen selected to try the various cases during this session of the court:

### GRAND JURY.

Ben Dobkins, O. E. O'Dell, M. J. Spalding, C. F. Nash, R. E. Oldham, T. W. Cook, T. J. Winfrey, O. H. Johnson, A. B. Nichols, Jas. Kell, J. N. Woodall, Wm. Kell.

### PETIT JURY.

Chas. Harris, E. G. Gregory, John Olson, M. M. Wright, J. L. Banks, T. D. Davidson, T. J. Rogers, L. M. Phillips, V. W. Ackers, W. E. Foster, A. C. B. Allen, John Walker, S. Byrd, G. W. Lester, W. E. Duree, Dave Witt, Dave Meredith, Chas. Pfannkuche.

### Gilt Bird Cage.

If the bird cage has tarnished or is an old painted cage just let birdie out in a closed room for awhile and give the cage a coat of gilding inside and one outside and it will look like a new brass cage. The gilt dries quickly. Do not put it on too thickly or it will be lumpy.

### Name of the Same Color.

In a certain store in Chicago there is a salesman named Green. Small Clarence learned his name and said: "Say, Mr. Green, there's a man living two doors from us who has a name the same color as yours!"

## COUNCIL PROVIDES FOR MANY BLOCKS OF MACADAM PAVEMENT ON FOREMAN STREET

Our platform declares that the overshadowing issue which manifests itself in all questions now under discussion, is "Shall the people rule?"—Bryan.

## LEAGUE OFFERED PLENTY OF AID.

OKLAHOMA'S OCTIVE TO PREVENT SALE OF LANDS.

DEMAND MADE BY LESSEES.

Opposition Preparing to Prevent Sale of \$30,000,000 Worth of School Lands at November Referendum Election.

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 20.—Many citizens of Oklahoma are offering their services to the Oklahoma School Land Preservation league, organized here several days ago. They want to defeat the legislative bill for the sale of the school lands, to be submitted by referendum to the voters of Oklahoma next November, and to delay any movement for the immediate disposition of the state's school and other public lands, worth not less than 30 million dollars, and which will gradually increase in value.

The league's executive committee is asking for funds for the publication and distribution of literature that will impress on the citizens of Oklahoma the danger of doing anything that would take from the state its title to the lands. The league says that no mistake can be made in holding the lands until citizens of Oklahoma may thoroughly inform themselves as to the value of the lands and the most sensible policy for their retention or management.

Both political parties in Oklahoma are pledged in their platforms to the immediate sale of all the school lands. In each instance this pledge was made in response to the demands of the 10,000 school land lessees, most of whom are asking that the lands be sold at once, and in a manner acceptable to the lessees.

## HOW THE CHIEFTAIN IS REGARDED ABROAD

The resurrected Vinita Chieftain under the magnificent editorial policy of Dave Marrs is like a voice from the past. And it is a better voice than we were wont to hear in journalistic circles these days, too. Marrs never wore the collar of any man. He is a democrat, but he is no machinist or corruptionist. Just now, though again in the harness hardly long enough to be bridle-wise, he is making suggestions to the political machine that it would do well to heed. He recognizes that the affairs of this state are being outrageously manhandled by a set of political pirates, and, while he does not use that language, his meaning is clear. The world predicts that the revived Chieftain will speedily make itself felt in the political affairs of Oklahoma.—Tulsa World.

## BANK OF AFTON ELECTS NEW SET OF OFFICERS

Afton, Okla., Aug. 19.—The Bank of Afton, which has been in such trouble over the disappearance of its cashier, Tom Reynolds has formed a reorganization. W. H. Curtis resigned as president of the bank and Fred Walker was chosen to succeed him. S. G. Victor was elected vice president with Rufus Gillis as Cashier. The bank has a state charter and is protected by the guaranty law.

## Busy Session of Council Tuesday Night--Property Owners on East Side File Protest Against Paving Canadian Avenue East of the Katy--Will not Effect Pavement on West Side--Council Buys Safe for Preservation of the City's Documents.

The council met Tuesday night in regular session and was busy until a late hour. All the members were present and Mayor Parks was in the chair.

The report of the finance committee provoked some good humored discussion. The purchase of a safe costing \$155 for the preservation of the city records was objected to and on vote the council stood four for and four against the purchase. Mayor Parks cast the deciding vote in favor of the purchase and the city owns a good safe.

A resolution passed requiring the opening of Flint avenue across the M. K. & T. railroad.

A protest against paving Canadian avenue was presented and signed by some of the property owners east of the Katy. The protest does not effect the paving of Canadian west of the M. K. & T.

An ordinance providing for a tax levy of ten mills was passed.

Provision for letting a contract for the

construction of a sanitary sewer in the south part of the city.

An ordinance to pave eleven or twelve blocks on Foreman, Scraper and Wilson streets was passed. This ordinance provides for the same sort of pavement as that on Canadian avenue of granitoid curb and macadam roadway. On the suggestion of Paul F. Mackey the driveway on Foreman street was reduced from forty feet to thirty feet giving a park way of twenty five feet on each side.

An ordinance providing for paving Vann street from Illinois avenue to Canadian avenue was also passed. This block of pavement will greatly add to the convenience of freight haulers as all of the freight from the Katy has got to pass over that street.

Sidewalk ordinances for various sections of the city were passed.

A resolution passed dividing the city printing between the Leader and the Chieftain.

The matter of the removal of the wire fence around South park was discussed and a majority favored leaving the fence in place for the present.

## SPECIAL OFFICER BARNHILL STABBED

Waugh's Assistant Wounded on Train West of This City—May Prove Serious.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 20.—Special Enforcement Officer Barnhill, of Sapulpa, one of B. J. Waugh's assistants, was stabbed and it is believed seriously injured on a Frisco passenger train between Vinita and this city, early last evening. Barnhill was placed in charge of a physician and taken to Sapulpa, while his assailant, whose name could not be learned, was arrested by the train crew and handed over to the officers of Chelsea.

Barnhill was en route to his home when the stabbing occurred. The assailant boarded the train at Vinita and it is said picked a quarrel with the official. Words were followed with blows, when the unknown whipped out a knife and attempted to drive it through Barnhill. The latter dodged and the knife sank into his thigh, inflicting a serious wound. The combatants were separated and when the train stopped at Chelsea the assailant was handed over to the police. Barnhill's wounds were dressed and he was taken to his home in Sapulpa.

## FRANK SMILEY ASSISTS TWO TRAVELING MEN

To Centralia and return a distance of forty-four miles in two hours actual running is the record made by Frank Smiley, A. E. Hicks of the Ratcliff-Sanders Grocery Company, and E. B. Woodward of Muskogee Wednesday. Hicks and Woodward, traveling men, were unable to procure a rig at any of the five livery stables here and persuaded Smiley to take them to Centralia in his Ford Runabout Automobile. The party left here at nine o'clock yesterday morning, reached Centralia at ten o'clock, and left Centralia at four o'clock, in the afternoon and drove into this city at five o'clock. Automobiles are soon to take the place of livery rigs, and the Craig county roads can easily be built into good auto roads.

### Bids on Sidewalk Wanted.

Will receive sealed bids up to 3:00 p. m., August 21, 1908, for the construction of Vkrified Brick walk, according to city plans and specifications, west side lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 64, fronting on Adams, and on north side of lot 16, block 64, fronting on Canadian ave. L. F. PARKER, Jr.

## BRYAN TALKS ABOUT REPUBLICAN FAILURE.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 19.—Discussing the subject of the guaranty of bank deposits yesterday, William J. Bryan accused the Republican leaders of congress with having enacted into law a currency bill in the interest of the stock market and yet although they had ample opportunity to do so, they failed to authorize the national banks of Oklahoma to take advantage of the state law relating to the guaranty of bank deposits. It was with no little satisfaction that Bryan noted in the morning dispatches the fact that the Enid Oklahoma, National bank had surrendered its charter and had come within the provisions of the state guaranty deposit law.

"I do not doubt that other national banks will surrender their charters," said Bryan. "Fifty-four national banks in Oklahoma took advantage of the guaranty system and they have found it very profitable for they have increased their deposits while unsecured national banks have lost in deposits."

## CLUB'S RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

The following resolution was passed by the Commercial Club of Vinita at its meeting on the 14th of August, 1908:

Be it Resolved by the Commercial Club of Vinita Oklahoma that this club on behalf of its membership, representing the substantial business men of this city and citizens generally; That to Honorable Laman F. Parker, Jr., of this city we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude for the zeal, personal efforts and sacrifice of time, energy and money in the conceiving, planning, promoting and final construction of Vinita's most beautiful, most attractive, most useful monument, the Auditorium and park which have become the pride and joy of this municipality and the center of the new Vinita movement toward a larger city, and that to him and to his principal associates this city shall ever be under a debt of gratitude lasting longer than our own generation, and that the park adjoining the Auditorium building be named Parker Plaza, in honor of its builder.

### Would Replevin Beer.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 20.—To test the constitutionality of that section of the recent Billups prohibition law providing that liquor or fixtures seized by officers are not subject to replevin, the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad has instituted proceedings to replevin two car loads of beer recently confiscated at Tulsa. The beer will remain in the hands of the state dispensary until the case is settled.

Not until that party passes through a period of fasting in the wilderness, will the Republican leaders learn to study public questions from the standpoint of the masses.—Bryan.

## TRIBAL SCHOOLS SOON TO RE-OPEN.

INDIAN SETTLEMENTS NOW DEMAND DAY SCHOOLS.

WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Superintendent Issues Incomplete List of Teachers for the Various Cherokee Tribal Schools.

Muskogee Aug. 20.—On the first day of September, thirty-five boarding schools for the Creek, Cherokee and Chickasaw nations will open, the number of pupils in each school ranging from 60 to 160, the average attendance being about 80 pupils. The Indian children of those nations are very good about attending the schools, but there is a demand in thickly settled Indian neighborhoods for day schools for the children, and Superintendent Benedict may take steps to have the government supply this need at once.

Tuesday afternoon, the superintendent issued the following incomplete list of teachers for thirty-five boarding schools in the Cherokee nation. Female Seminary, located at Tahlequah: Minta Foreman, principal teacher; Ida V. Mosser, first assistant; Hattie B. Stuart, second assistant; Lola Garrett, assistant teacher; Belle Cunningham, assistant teacher; Janana Ballard, assistant teacher; Mary L. Oxley, domestic science teacher; Ellen McSpadden, matron; Susie Walkingstick, assistant matron; George Hanks, engineer; Paden Banks, cook; M. J. Riggs, assistant cook; Healy Taylor, janitor; Ella Welch, laundress, Mrs. E. J. Hancy, assistant laundress.

Male Seminary, located at Tahlequah: Walter A. Thompson, principal teacher; William T. Scott, first assistant; William T. Stuart, second assistant; A. J. Brown, assistant teacher; Cassie Huff, assistant teacher; Margaret Clark, matron; Janet Thompson, assistant matron; Dollie E. Galloway, seamstress; Robert Parker, cook; Luella Parker, assistant cook; J. M. Steele, janitor, J. E. Welka, laundryman.

Orphan Asylum, Tahlequah—Charles H. English, principal teacher; Ethel C. Scales, assistant teacher; Laura Cooper, matron; Cora M. Wyly, assistant matron; Zilpha Piercy, seamstress; Frances E. Haney, laundress; Lee Watkins, cook; Samuel Hendley, janitor.

## PROHIS WIN NEOSHO BY FIFTY-FIVE VOTES

Neosho, Mo., Aug. 19.—Neosho's drys last night celebrated victory at the polls Tuesday when they won over the "wets" by a majority of fifty-five. The total vote was 797; for local option, 426; opposed, 471. A continuous prayer meeting from 5 a. m. until 7 p. m. and the ringing of church bells at two-hour intervals were features of the fight made by the temperance advocates. Both sides have issued daily publications for three weeks.

### It Can't Be Found.

It is an invisible line that divides foolishness from the optimism which is without effort.

### Good Advice Never Old.

Hebrew proverb: Catch not the shadow and lose the substance.

### A Word from Josh Wiae.

"Th' man who gits th' mitten ain't satisfied till he gits a mate."

### Fault of Small Minds.

I have never known a man of real ability to be ungrateful.—Goethe.

## TOM WYCKLIFFE TO WED INDIAN MAID

Story That Girl was Cause of Killing of Brother—License has Been Issued.

Pryor Creek Aug. 19.—Is Tom Wyckliffe to marry the Indian girl over whom he and his brother have alleged to have quarreled and which is said to have resulted in Tom killing his older brother?

A few days ago a marriage license was issued here to Tom Wyckliffe and Mattie Tygar. Wyckliffe is out on bond with two murder charges against him. For over a year he and his two brothers successfully evaded the officers of the law by hiding in the Cherokee hills and only a few months ago surrendered and were released on bond. Before they surrendered Tom and his older brother quarreled and the latter was killed. Stories differ as to what led to the tragedy. Some assert it was accidental. Others declare he was drunk and Tom was forced to shoot to save his own life. Now the story comes out that both were in love with dark-eyed Mattie Tygar, and it was over her love that they quarreled.

The Wyckliffes who fought a pitched battle with United States officers several years ago near Kansas, are charged with Deputy United States Marshal Ike Gilstrap and several other men.

That the story of the quarrel over the Indian girl is true cannot be confirmed. At any rate, Tom is to make her his bride.

## THOMAS DIXON JR MAY TRY ACTING

Author of "The Traitor" Will Probably Appear at the Auditorium in His Play.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., author of the famous Reconstruction trilogy "The Leopard's Spots," "The Clansman" and "The Traitor" has become infected with the acting microbe and he has made up his mind to play the role of Dan Wylie, a mountaineer member of the Ku Klux Klan in "The Traitor" the dramatic sequel to "The Clansman." Mr. Dixon's histrionic aspirations began during his college days in North Carolina but like Charles Dickens, he has heretofore confined his efforts in that direction to amateur affairs. As preacher and lecturer Mr. Dixon was supremely successful so that it would be no novelty to him to face an audience over the footlights.

The character which has appealed so strongly to Mr. Dixon is one of the most interesting in the new play. In fact it is absolutely unique in being a type never before presented on the stage. There is no gainsaying the fact that Mr. Dixon is physically the exact embodiment of this character and his early youth was spent in the mountains of North Carolina his interpretation of the role should be faithfully realistic.

One of the most interesting features of the first tour of "The Clansman" was the series of curtain speeches made by Mr. Dixon in many southern cities. This season he will probably be seen in the triple role of author, dramatist and actor. As Mr. Dixon is probably the best known writer on the problems of the South it is safe to say that the South will hear a few talks between acts that will create as much discussion as the play itself. While there have been many actors who have turned dramatist, it is exceedingly rare for the playwright to turn actor. Mr. Dixon's experiment will doubtless prove more interesting to his co-laborers in the field of dramatic writing.

## INSURANCE COMPANIES SEARCHING FOR BODY

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 19.—Believing that William McCracken, a farmer living near Nelogany, who is supposed to have drowned recently is still alive, five Oklahoma and Kansas insurance companies, with whom he held policies aggregating \$22,000, are making a search for his body. The river has been dragged several times in the vicinity, but thus far the body has not been found.

McCracken is supposed to have gone fishing and a man living in the vicinity claims to saw him sinking in the river.

J. R. Campbell has sold his property in the Marrs addition to his brother Dr. Wm. Campbell of Fairland.